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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 2015  
TIME: 10:00 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 309  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

SB 133, SD2  
(SSCR714)  
Status

RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.  
Allows the court to decree a forfeiture by the member, former member, or retirant of all or a portion of any interest, hypothetical account balance (in excess of the amount representing any employee contributions made by or on behalf of the member, former member, or retirant), pension, annuity, or retirement allowance that the member, former member, or retirant may otherwise be entitled to if a member, former member, or retirant is convicted of a felony and the court finds that the felony is related to the employment of the member, former member, or retirant by the State or any county. Requires the employees' retirement system to comply with the court order and suspend or deny payment to the member, former member, or retirant as provided in the order. Effective date 1/7/2059. (SD2)

LAB, JUD, FIN

SB 638, SD1  
(SSCR892)  
Status

RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.  
Establishes UH graduate student assistants as collective bargaining unit (15), effective 12/31/2016. Requires the director of human resources development to establish a working group to submit recommendations on the rights and privileges of individuals in collective bargaining unit (15) to the legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

LAB, HED, FIN

SB 675, SD2  
(SSCR879)  
Status

RELATING TO FIREFIGHTERS.  
Provides firefighters with comprehensive medical coverage through workers compensation benefits by establishing a rebuttable presumption that a firefighter who suffers from cancer, blood-borne infectious disease, or exposure to biochemical substances contracted the condition in the course of employment. Requires the Hawaii State Fire Council to develop standards and procedures to ensure health and safety of firefighters who may be exposed to hazardous materials in the course of their duties. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

LAB, JUD, FIN



SB 728, SD2  
(SSCR703)  
Status

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.

LAB, JUD, FIN

Requires equal pay for similar work for any employee performing services under certain government contracts. Establishes a requirement for government contractors to report wages paid to employees, by gender. Provides penalties for contractors found to be in violation of these practices, including liquidated damages and suspension from government contract work. Also prohibits contractors on certain government contracts from retaliating against employees who disclose wage information. Effective 07/01/2050. (SD2)

SB 1011, SD1  
(SSCR872)  
Status

RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

LAB, JUD, FIN

Repeals provision providing that arbitration shall not be available to resolve disputes regarding EUTF contributions by State and counties. Takes effect on 1/7/2059. (SD1)

SB 1346  
(SSCR788)  
Status

RELATING TO TEACHERS.

LAB, EDN, FIN

Applies the same probationary period requirements of department of education teachers to public charter school teachers, who have not earned tenure within the department of education, upon entry or reentry to the department of education.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. Testimony should indicate:

- Testifier's name with position/title and organization;
- The Committee(s) to which the comments are directed;
- The date and time of the hearing; and
- Measure number.

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